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Tragic: Rugby club stalwart James Peters and his wife Susan, who had celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary just days before the fatal crash

Devastated husband discovers woman dying at roadside is his own beloved wife

by AARON MOON

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A good samaritan who stopped to help at the scene of a road accident discovered the woman who lay dying in the road was his own wife, a Kingston worker.

James Peters, of Oxshott Road, Leatherhead, was on his way to pick up his wife Susan from work on Friday when he came across the scene, just yards from where he usually picked her up.

Mr Peters, 61, who is president of Twickenham Rugby Club and runs his own central heating business, said he parked and, assuming his 60-year-old wife had not yet arrived, went to see if he could help the injured woman.

"There was a lady lying in the road and she looked in a bad way," he said. "I was kneeling on the floor by a man trying to help her as they waited for paramedics. "I was trying to help him

for about six or seven minutes and then someone handed me her handbag. I recognised it as being my wife's and then recognised her clothes. I was totally devastated."

The couple, who have three sons and four grandchildren, had just celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary just days earlier.

"She was a perfect wife, she had no faults whatsoever, she never said a bad word against anyone," Mr Peters said. "We first met when we were teenagers at a party, I was 16 and she was 15 and we were together since then."

Mrs Peters had worked for Surrey County Council in Kingston for 15 years and this week her colleagues paid tribute to her

Patricia Greer, the coun-

cil's strategic director for communities, said: "Our thoughts and sympathies are with Sue's family and relatives at this difficult time."

"Sue was a valued colleague and a very dear friend to many of the team at our contact centre, having been with the county council for 14 years."

"Sue was a lovely lady, respected and liked by all who knew her and we will all miss her very much."

Mr Peters, who is a magistrate in Richmond, added that they had only just moved to Leatherhead from Hampton and were in the process of refurbishing their £1m home.

A Surrey Police spokeswoman said: "A 25-year-old man from Fetcham was arrested and has been released on police bail until November 7 in connection with this incident."

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PCTs delay sentence a fourth time

Both Kingston and Lewisham Primary Care Trusts (PCT) could be called before the courts next week, after it held up the sentencing of a mentally ill robber for a fourth time.

Two young victims must again wait to see the man who attacked them with a bottle face justice, after the delay on Wednesday, August 13.

Kingston PCT has become embroiled in a financial row with Lewisham PCT over who should pay for a bed for Marko Kontestabile, while the full extent of his illness is diagnosed, the court heard.

Kontestabile, 21, of no fixed abode, admitted attacking and robbing medical students Lisa Tomkins and Christine Emerson on January 10, hitting them over the head with a glass bottle on a station bridge.

His sentencing at Southwark Crown Court was adjourned for the fourth time last week

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because neither PCT was "prepared to take financial responsibility for funding a bed", defence counsel Mr Sampson said.

Judge Geoffrey Rivlin QC condemned the squabbling, and wrote a letter insisting that PCT representatives come to court next week to explain if the matter is not resolved.

"I am obviously concerned there is no bed available for this young man," he said. "This matter is not getting any younger and it is highly regrettable if somebody is in prison when really they ought to be in hospital."

A Kingston PCT spokeswoman said: "As far as Kingston PCT is concerned, there is no funding dispute and the PCTs are working together to resolve the issue."



Awaiting sentence: Kontestabile denies being mentally ill

Kontestabile was arrested in Surbiton but was about to travel to see friends in Lewisham, police have said. It is believed that neither of the PCTs will take responsibility for his care because he had only been in the UK for a few days and was not fixed to a single area.

Kontestabile pleaded to Judge Rivlin to allow him to serve his time in prison, insisting that he was not mentally ill and that he wanted to serve his time and return to Slovenia.

Kontestabile is due to be sentenced at Southwark Crown Court on August 22.

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Goldsmith 'breaches election funding rules'



Environmentalism and multi-millionaire Zac Goldsmith, Tory parliamentary candidate for Richmond Park, has reportedly fallen foul of electoral rules by donating £7,000 to the local party, despite not being on the electoral roll.

Conservative officials admitted the breach as an "innocent mistake" and it seems likely the money will now be forfeited.

The cash is just a fraction of the £90,000 the former Ecologist editor has spent since being selected to fight the seat in March last year.

The 33-year-old is estimated to have inherited up to £300m from the estate of his late father Sir James Goldsmith in 1997 and hopes to overturn the 3,700 majority currently held by Liberal Democrat Susan Kramer.

The local Conservative association said the mistake was an administrative error due to a delay in adding Mr Goldsmith's name to the electoral roll after he moved from Kensington and Chelsea, and that most of the money was used for offices and staff rather than publicity material.

A Conservative spokesman said: "As the local candidate in Richmond, Zac Goldsmith set up his own office in the town centre, separate to the association offices. He covers the cost of running this office and employs two members of staff to help him in his work dealing with the issues that matter to the people of Richmond."

Admin error: Mr Goldsmith said it was an innocent mistake

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Patient's death 'a mystery'

by DAVID LINDSELL

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Mystery still surrounds the death of a private patient at Kingston Hospital, after an inquest last week failed to identify the cause of his death.

Loic Legrand, 30, was admitted on Saturday, June 23, last year complaining of severe leg, chest and abdomen pains.

He was operated on the next day to remove his appendix, but two days later was found dead by a nurse on Coombe ward after a cardiac arrest.

One of the lines of inquiry at the inquest was whether there had been a misdiagnosis of Legrand's condition.

Mr Legrand's wife Dr Andrea Legrand, a vice-president at pharmaceutical company Bristol-Myers Squibb, spoke at the inquest held in Fulham only to confirm the details of her statement, which was not read aloud but contained her "complaint".

After hearing evidence from the surgeon who operated on him, the senior staff nurse who called the crash team to resuscitate him and an expert independent pathologist, as

well as questions from the hospital's legal team, coroner Alison Thompson said it was still not clear what caused his death.

Mr Legrand's legal counsel Susan Freeborn made a last-minute plea for the coroner to call experts who knew more about rhabdomyolysis – a rapid breakdown of muscle into the bloodstream causing kidney failure – often found in victims of bombings or earthquakes.

Mr Legrand, the inquest heard, had a cellulitis infection in his legs after burning them on a motorbike exhaust pipe

years before. But Mrs Thompson said she had heard all the evidence.

She added: "There are no red flag signs here. The evidence is simply not there."

She returned a verdict of death by natural causes for Mr Legrand of Schoolhouse Lane, Teddington.

Earlier Peter Wilson, a consultant surgeon at Kingston, who operated on the Frenchman as a private patient, told West London Coroners Court his death was completely unexpected despite his continued pain after surgery.



We have lift-off: Edward Davey MP with Stewart Palmer, Richard OBrien and wheelchair user Jane Young

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Things are looking up at 'no-go' train station

Two passenger lifts have been opened at Kingston train station, finally bringing to an end its status as a 'no-go' area for disabled people.

The £2.1m project managed by Network Rail with money from the Department for Transport, started last summer and was formally opened last week by Stuart Palmer, managing director of South West Trains.

Despite the time it has taken to arrive, Kingston and Surbiton MP Edward Davey believed congratu-

lations were in order.

He said: "We have long waited for it and argued for it and it has been delivered at long last."

"I have 10 stations in my constituency and clearly we want to see more progress at places like New Malden, our busiest station, but also Norbiton which serves the hospital and stations like Chessington South."

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Woman puts human rights to Great Wall

Great Britain's remarkable medal haul has been hitting the headlines in recent days, but many campaigners are still fighting to keep China's human rights record in the limelight.

New Malden woman Esther Priest plans to spend five days trekking along China's Great Wall in October to raise funds for locally-based human rights charity Christian Solidarity Worldwide.

The 29-year-old said Chinese citizens such as Cai Zhouhua, a Beijing house-church leader imprisoned for three years for distributing bibles, inspired her determination to help the charity.

In prison, Ms Zhouhua was allegedly forced to work up to 12 hours a day making footballs for the Beijing Olympics, while his young son was not allowed to visit him once during

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his entire detention.

Miss Priest said: "Cai is just one of many millions of people in China who are imprisoned, tortured and sometimes even killed for simply trying to exercise their universally recognised rights to freedom of speech and freedom of religion."

"We want people to continue campaigning for justice and freedom on their behalf."

The trek will be a family affair, with Miss Priest's 18-year-old brother Joel flying from Australia to Beijing to take part in the challenge with her.

□ The pair hope to raise £2,500 during the trek, and can be sponsored at justgiving.co.uk/estherpriest and justgiving.co.uk/joelstewart

Military moonbuggies spy the competition



War games: A design by members of the Silicon Valley team and Kingston University

The next generation of hi-tech military mini-vehicles went head to head on Salisbury Plain on August 18, with Kingston University representatives hoping their automated offerings would come out on top.

As members of the Silicon Valley team, the Kingston-based designers ran a combination of vehicles, including a remote controlled plane, a glider and two "moonbuggies", to identify threats to UK troops on overseas operations.

The team was up against 13 other groups of hopefuls in the Ministry of Defence's grand challenge, now in its third year, attempting to spot dangers such as marksmen, vehicles mounted with heavy weapons, roadside bombs and armed militia.

Each team had one hour to send their designs to a special village full of actors and props to relay information back to the teams. The winner of the three-day event was due to be announced as this paper went to press.

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Bakery robbers leave dough

Kingston police are appealing for witnesses after a Hook bakery was robbed at knifepoint on Tuesday, August 5.

Two men entered the Bakers Oven in Hook Road, through an unlocked door at 3.40am, as a 21-year-old worker was clearing stock.

A small knife was held to the baker's stomach and he was told to get out of the shop.

The baker ran down Clayton Road, where he saw a white Volkswagen parked with occupants inside.

The robbers damaged the contents of the bakery, before leaving the shop with two bottles of soft drink.

The two robbers were described as "an unusual pair", with one aged about 16 and the other about 30 years old. The younger robber was blond, about 5ft 6in, had his left ear pierced. He was possibly wearing a white top and blue jeans.

The older robber had long, dark brown hair and beard, was wearing a big, dark jacket and was about 6ft 1in.

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Mini dragon swoops on drug dens

Six men and a woman have been arrested following a Kingston police swoop to crack down on drugs and burglaries in the borough.

Operation Mini Dragon saw officers from the intelligence unit and crime investigative department work with safer neighbourhood teams (SNTs) to execute nine warrants on August 6.

The operation was based on intelligence gathered by police and also information provided by the community.

Corey Dacres, 22, of Concorde Way, Rotherhithe, has been charged with possessing class A drugs with intent to supply after being arrested in Avenue Elmers, Surbiton.

Colin Mohammed, 58, of Tithe Barn Close, Kingston, has been charged with possessing class C drugs with intent to supply.

Mr Mohammed will appear at Kingston Magistrates' Court on August 21 and Mr Dacres will appear at the same court on September 5.

A 27-year-old man from Church Lane, Chessington, was arrested on suspicion of

by ALITA HOWE

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possessing class A and C drugs

A 25-year-old from Cambridge Grove Road, Kingston, has been arrested for allegedly possessing CS gas, which is classed by police as a firearm.

Both men have been bailed to appear at Kingston police station on October 10 while police continue their inquiries.

Thomas Graham, 54, of Charter Square, has been charged with possessing class C drugs, and a 15-year old boy, who cannot be named for legal reasons, has also been arrested and bailed on drug charges.

A 19-year-old female arrested in Twickenham has received a police caution for burglary after stealing a book from a school.

For updates on this story, visit

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Shooting goals: Fulham FC are holding soccer courses for disabled children

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Kids play footie with Fulham stars

Children with learning disabilities and autism learnt from Fulham Football Club's players at special soccer courses last week.

The children, aged between seven and 17, were learning how to communicate as well as kick a ball at the Hawker Centre ses-

sions. Anyone interested in taking part in a summer football course should call Fulham Football Club on 0870 4425432.

NEWSbrief

BLANKET CHECK: Elderly people can get free safety checks on their electric blankets by Kingston trading standards next month.

Checks will be carried out on September 10 by appointment on a first come, first served basis.

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SPONSORED WALK: Charity walkers are being recruited for a sponsored event in Richmond Park to raise money for terminally ill people in south-west London.

The Marie Curie Cancer Care Devoted to Life walk takes place on Saturday, September 27.

Registration costs £10 for adults and £5 for children, including a t-shirt and goodie bag. Call 020 7599 7338.

MONGOLIA MINI: A Surbiton tailor has got behind a Mongol Rally team, journeying from London to Mongolia in a Mini with a telephone box on the roof.

King and Allen, which has just opened in Brighton Road, has kitted out the Kent-based challengers Lewis Woodcock and Ben Kemp in bespoke suits.

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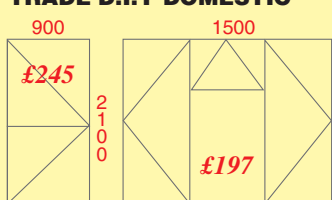
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0% APRMore fines for drivers,
says travellers' group

by KERRY GROVE

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Parking wardens are giving out
fewer parking tickets in the bor-
ough, which has been criticised by
Kingston Area Travellers Associa-
tion (KATA).In the past financial year, a total of
57,312 fines were given to drivers in
Kingston for illegal parking or driv-
ing in bus lanes, down 13 per cent
from 66,365 in 2006/07.And of all the London boroughs,
only four gave out less parking tick-
ets than Kingston, including neigh-
bour Sutton, which gave out the
lowest number.While the revelation may please
many motorists, it has angered
KATA, which has long-suspected
that traffic wardens were turning a
blind eye to pavement parking.Group chairman Tony Adams
said: "Clearly if there's been a drop
since last year, are they under direc-
tives not to enforce the law?""We have seen lorries parked on
the footway obstructing it and war-
dens walking around the vehiclesMore of this? A parking warden attempts to fine a sleeping
driver

Deadline: HY1959

and not giving them a ticket. It is ex-
tremely dangerous. Pedestrians are
forced to walk in the road."David Bardsley, parking services
manager at Kingston Council, dis-
missed the claims, and said: "I'm
not going to tell you that people
don't park on the footways but if
our attendants are walking past
when they do it they will get a tick-
et."Mr Bardsley put the decrease
down to more drivers parking legal-

ly in Kingston.

The traffic wardens work for con-
tractors NCP and do not receive
commission for tickets issued. But
they do get a performance-related
bonus if they patrol the right
streets and do not make errors.What do you think of kata's criti-
cisms? Have your say on our mes-
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Clear rubbish for fun-filled day

Chessington World of Adventures
is launching a new scheme this
week to encourage visitors to recy-
cle their rubbish on days out at the
theme park.Together with Coca-Cola and
Wrap, a Government-funded or-
ganisation, 12 recycling zones will
be put up around the Leatherhead
Road park.The project at Chessington is
part of Coca-Cola's three-year vi-sion to create 80 recycling zone's
across the country and visitors
will be able to recycle plastic bot-
tles, drinks cans and paper.Joan Ruddock MP, minister for
waste, praised the scheme and
said: "With a target of increasing
the national recycling rate to 40
per cent by 2010, programmes such
as the Recycling Zone from Coca-
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Salsa night

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'YMCAs are not bail hostels for sex offenders' say bosses

Surbiton internet forum users who have complained about the YMCA are being urged to reveal their true identities and discuss their worries face-to-face.

Bosses at the Victoria Road hostel and MP Edward Davey met last week and have decided to invite members of the forum to their next meeting on September 17.

They want to dispel myths spread on the site about it being used as a bail hostel for paedophiles and sex offenders and tell residents about how potential tenants are vetted.

Local ward councillors will be asked to round-up the concerned res-

idents ahead of their quarterly meeting with several Victoria Road businesses.

Mr Davey did not believe the YMCA has a specific problem that can be fixed but said it was education that was needed.

He added that local police cite speeding in Maple Road as a bigger problem than the YMCA, according to their recent surveys.

For even more local and regional news, and to have your say on our message boards, visit yourlocalguardian.co.uk

Summer events get a Thumbs Up

Olympic hopefuls put their skills to the test when a series of themed events were organised in Kingston last week.

As part of Kingstonfirst's free summer activity programme, 'Thumbs Up' it's Thursday, sporting activities and Olympic-themed art sessions were held in venues across the town centre.

Kingston Museum held a medal-making art group, there was a Wii tournament

at the Rotunda and Fulham Football Club held training sessions in Memorial Gardens.

This Thursday's theme is Around the World, which will include a bear hunt in John Lewis from 1pm to 4pm and musical sessions at the Rose Theatre.

For more information on the above-mentioned activities and to find out about future ones, visit kingstonfirst.co.uk

Rapping fireman Pest solutions

A firefighter has turned to rapping in the fight to save lives.

Wimbledon firefighter Stephen-Remmell Coleman has recorded bhangra hip-hop track Got Mine Got Yours? to promote fire safety among the Asian community.

To watch the song, visit uk.youtube.com/watch?v=PRho_zzMFhs

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Here to help the kids

by KERRY GROVE

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A risk-taker who gave up her life in England to single-handedly set up a children's nursery in the Gambia has come to Surbiton on a one-month mission to collect toys for her impoverished pupils.

Kris Coloszko, 59, has been scouring charity shops and even hunting through skips to find toys, books and furniture of a higher quality than can be found in her adoptive home country.

She hopes to fill a cubic metre container, which will leave the UK by ship on August 29, and is appealing for donations of second-hand toys.

Ms Coloszko has been staying with friend Jenny Tapp, of Vale Road North, who also volunteers



Strong willed: Kris Coloszko

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at the Gambian nursery. It is her fifth annual toy hunting trip to the borough.

Ms Coloszko made the move to Africa 13 years ago to build her school and she now boasts the only

British nursery in the whole country.

She admitted that it was hard being accepted as a British woman in a primarily Islamic country, with only £100 in her pocket and living in a ghetto area.

But now she now has a core of 20 pupils and wants to surprise them with the new toys when they start the new term in September.

"I can never see why in Africa they have to have a poorer service than our children in the UK," she said.

"It's incredible what's thrown away over here. I've been going up and down the charity shops in Surbiton and I've got a few pieces that are almost brand new."

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Unhappy: Campaigners outside the controversial site in Somerset Avenue

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Protesters fail to stop disputed development

by **LOUISE ROBERTSON**

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"Garden-grabbing" property developers have won the right to build seven houses where there are currently just two, despite fierce objection from 73 residents.

Safety fears about the development in Somerset Avenue, Chessington, had also been raised as a concern because the entrance was at the bottom of a hill near a busy junction.

But despite it being initially turned down by the council, the developers won an appeal to overturn the decision on Friday, August 15.

Councillor Mary Reid, who led the fight against it, said she was "absolutely fuming" that it was allowed to ruin the character of

the 1930s estate.

"It has set a precedent for the area and I think it will ruin it," she said.

She claimed that 73 neighbours turned out to the appeal hearing at the Hook Centre on July 16 in protest against it.

Developer Astindale Property was not able to predict when work would begin or when the houses would be completed.

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Pass rate is A grade result for students

by MIKE DIDYMUS

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Southborough High School and Hollyfield School recorded massive improvements in their A-level grades, as the average pass rate across the country jumped to 97.2 per cent.

At Hollyfield, 22 per cent of exams taken were graded A, up from 10 per cent last year, while Southborough's result of 10 per cent of grades awarded being As was a huge improvement for a school which had no top grades last year.

Kingston Grammar School (KGS), Surbiton High and both Tiffin schools once again smashed the national averages, with Tiffin Girls' School ranked eighth in the country in the submission-based tables on the Times newspaper's website.

Nearly 73 per cent of grades awarded at the school were As, a vast improvement on last year's already impressive 69.5 per cent.

KGS recorded its highest ever number of A grades in the exams.

Although more than 53 per cent of grades awarded at Tiffin School were As, this was down nearly 4 per cent on last year, while Coombe Sixth Form also suffered a slight drop of two per cent.

Give the spectacular amount of A grades in the borough, it will come as no surprise to hear a huge number of students will carry on their education at either Oxford or Cambridge later this year.

Former Coombe Sixth Form head girl Alaa Eltom fulfilled her Oxbridge ambitions by scoring A grades in English literature, history and maths, as well as a B in Spanish.

The 18-year-old from Robin Hood Way, Kingston Vale, hopes to go to St Catherine's College, Oxford, to read law.

She said: "I picked the subjects I enjoyed but it's always a challenge when you get to examinations. I'm over the moon."

Miss Eltom also received a congratulations letter from examining board AQA after gaining one of the top five marks in the country in her



All smiles: Two delighted pupils learn their long-awaited grades

English literature exam.

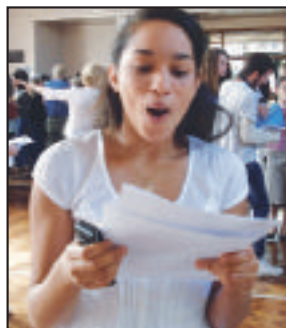
Among the top achievers at Surbiton High School were Vicky Lawson and Katherine Ellis, who will both be heading to Oxford later in the year to read engineering science.

They will be joined at the historic seat of learning by Catherine Hill, who intends to read chemistry after gaining full marks in all her A2 papers in the subject, and Junah Lee who will be studying maths.

Oxford was also the university of choice for high-flying students at KGS, with three pupils heading to the town's colleges to continue their education.

Top of the tree was Ben Skliar-Ward, who gained six A grades across maths, further maths, physics, politics, French and Spanish, and plans to read politics, philosophy and economics at the university's Merton College.

Seven boys gained As in four sub-



Wow: former Coombe Sixth Form head girl Alaa Elton is off to Oxford University

jects including Rory Fazan, who is off to Oxford to study maths and philosophy, and James Kang, who has opted to read medicine at the same university.

Ian Vickers was also celebrating after finishing among the top 10 highest marks nationwide for his religious studies exam.

See this week's Surrey Comet for a full table of results.

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Please let me have passed: Skaiste Tervydyte waits anxiously for her results

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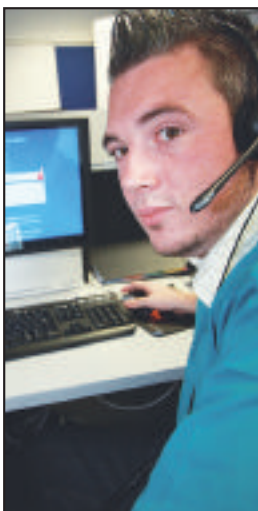
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Hotline's a clear favourite with pupils



Phone for advice: Jackson Hunt from the clearing team

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Kingston University's clearing hotline was hit by a deluge of calls on Friday from A-level students eager to snatch one of the few remaining degree course places.

The team of 64 hotline operators took nearly 2,300 phone calls from further education hopefuls in the first three hours of the hotline going live, with thousands more flooding in over the past few days.

Second-year pharmaceutical science student Verere Oyearone, who fielded calls on the day, knows only too well what students are going through, having been in exactly the same position last year.

The 18-year-old was due to study pharmacy at Kingston University but just missed the marks she needed for the course.

She said: "I was almost certain I'd got the grades I needed so when I opened my results it was a horrible shock. Initially I went into a com-

plete panic and didn't know what I was going to do, but then I took stock of my situation and called the Kingston clearing hotline to see if there were any other courses that interested me."

After a calming conversation with a student operator and an academic, Verere soon discovered that although she had missed the grades to do pharmacy she could enrol on the pharmaceutical science degree course.

She said: "I'd advise anyone who doesn't quite get the A-level marks they were expecting to get on the phones to university clearing hotlines and see if there are other courses they would enjoy."

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When Keith Hern was made redundant, rather than wallow in self-pity, he decided to do something he had only dreamed of, as JONATHAN PORTLOCK reports

Travelling the world for the perfect shot

Many creative people do not discover their muse until later on in life.

"Late bloomers" include Paul Gauguin, who said goodbye to his career as a stockbroker to take up the brush up full-time when well into his 30s, and British painter Alfred Wallis, who started in his 60s after the death of his wife.

So you could say that photographer and Thames Ditton resident Keith Hern, who was in corporate sales until four years ago, is in good company.

"I had been in corporate sales for years when I got made redundant," he says. "Then I saw an exhibition by Australian photographer Peter Lik and I thought it would be awesome to make pictures like that."

Keith, 50, had always had a passion for travelling and Peter Lik's beautiful landscape portraits opened up the idea that there was maybe a more fulfilling life for him beyond the competitive world of sales. When Keith had another career setback, his mind was made up to leave his previous world behind.

"I got another job eight months later, but got made redundant again, so I decided to change," he says.

After practising his technique and getting advice from a photographer friend, he put on his first exhibition at the Cornerhouse in Tolworth at the end of 2004. He managed to sell some of his pictures and the show's success encouraged him to keep at it.

It seems to have been a wise decision. Keith has now won five



Snap happy: Keith Hern

awards in a US competition run by creativeshake.com as well as having his photos included in magazines such as London Property News, Time and Leisure, the Times newspaper and Bradt's travel guide to Zanzibar and Tanzania.

Recently he has also had his work displayed at St Pancras and Waterloo stations.

Keith, who was born in Wimbledon and has lived in Thames Ditton since 1992 admits that it has not all been plain sailing.

"It was a huge drop in earnings," he admits. "I had to sit down with my wife and sort it out with her - I'm very lucky that my wife has a good job without which I wouldn't have been able to do this."

"It was a huge risk and it still

is."

Another setback occurred when Keith discovered that he had throat cancer in May 2007. Now, after making a full-recovery, he has used the experience for his next show at Cornerhouse in September.

He said: "There will be small print photographs of my throat cancer treatment showing things like the chemotherapy, the amount of medication I was on and the hair loss. There will also be a mixture of travel abstracts and local photos on display and a rolling screen showing my commercial stuff."

So what does he love about travel photography? "I love the places, the people, the climate, the food," he explains. "Everybody has photographed the Manhattan skyline. The challenge is to always find a different angle or a different shot."

Now Keith has his sights set on more travelling.

"My wife and I would like to take a year out and travel down the west coast of the Americas, from Canada to Chile. I am also thinking of doing some fundraising for throat cancer," he adds.

But after the excitement, as well as the uncertainty of the past few years, Keith is now looking forward to his next show.

Keith's show at the Cornerhouse is open to those attending the One Acts plays (eight new plays by local writers on alternate nights) from September 22 to 27, at 7.45pm.

For more information visit thecornerhouse.org or contact Keith at keithhern.com



High life: Keith's photographic take on the Manhattan skyline

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Carnival set to get tasty with food festival tie-in

by KERRY GROVE

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Kingston Carnival will have a festival-food theme this year, as it battles to become the Notting Hill of south London.

For the first time, Kingston Food Festival will tie in with the carnival, with up to 12 stalls from different countries kick starting the two-week culinary event.

The £35,000 carnival, on Sunday, August 31, will have two stages and two processions, with the aim of attracting 80,000 people to the town centre – four times the usual amount.

BBC sports presenter Mike Bushell will be guest of honour, launching the carnival along with the Mayor of Kingston Councillor David Berry at 12.45pm.

African roots band Kasai Masai, Harare Dread and the colourful Semillas de Bolivia will be among the acts on the main stage outside the Guildhall.

And despite carnivals being traditionally African and Caribbean, Kingston will have an equally Asian feel this year, with a second community stage in Market Place featuring Asian acts, including MC Special and the Bollywood Brass Band.

The processions from Clarence Street at noon and Market Place at 3pm, will include antique police cars, classic car from Bentalls and



Party time: A reveller at last year's carnival

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rickshaws, as well as dozens of people in colourful costumes.

Bringing music to the parade will be bands Paddington Elimu and the Beerahaar

Sweet Combination, who will be fresh from Notting Hill Carnival the week before.

Organiser John Azah, from Kingston Racial Equality Council, intends it to be their biggest event of the year, and the best carnival put on in its five-year history.

He said: "It brings all of the communities together to have fun. What we're trying to do is celebrate diversity and celebrate what's good about Kingston."

"We hope the weather will be kind to us. So far the carnivals have had dry and sunny weather and we are hoping to continue that."

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Chris Pearsall

Theatre cafe set to be new culture hub

The Rose Theatre is set to become a centre for free cultural events and activities after its Culture Cafe was launched yesterday.

The theatre has been busy re-vamping the cafe with comfy chairs and an extended Fair trade menu. The idea is to provide a focal point for cultural information and events happening in Kingston.

The project was led by bar manager Jessica Green, who developed the concept after the success of the theatre's First Love season in April, which featured art and an interactive wall for visitors' messages.

Director of marketing and communications at the Rose Lucy Goldsborough said: "It has always

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been the mission of the Rose Theatre to ensure that we cater for everybody of any age and interest through a programme of theatre and events.

"The autumn season at the Rose will see an increasing emphasis on free, drop-in, community-run events at its new Culture Cafe.

"We hope that these will encourage more people to visit the Rose Theatre and in turn we can support the community in the same way that it supports us."

Refurbished on a minimal budget, which included a lick of paint and

new furniture, the space will house a permanent exhibition supplied by Fusion Arts and will host a programme of free concerts, poetry workshops and rhyme-time sessions for children.

There will also be free Sunday teadances and jazz sessions and the cafe will offer a loyalty scheme and student discounts.

Ms Goldsborough said: "We hope that we will be the only place where people can see an exhibition for free, hear some lunchtime jazz, read the latest on arts, pick up information about what's going on in Kingston and get a coffee."

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Food for thought at discourse cafe

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The Philosophy Cafe is the brainchild of Kingston resident Marilyn Mason, a former teacher of the subject at Surbiton High School, who organised the successful Market House Festival in April.

The first session will be

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held on September 4 and Kingston's Rose Theatre has offered free space to the project.

The project aims to attract anyone with an interest in philosophy to discuss topics including art, death and materialism in a relaxed and sociable setting.

The inaugural discus-

sion, What is Philosophy, will be led by Barrie Selwyn, principal of Kingston Adult Education, and sessions will then take place once a month in the theatre's studio space.

Ms Mason said: "I wanted to get philosophy off the ground in Kingston and offer something stimulating for residents to do in the evening after the Market House festival ended."

Man re-bailed over drugs farm

A 23-year-old man has been re-bailed to appear at Kingston police station on September 30, as

investigations continue into a cannabis farm in Ewell Road, Surbiton. Police and Surbiton's

neighbourhood team found more than 300 cannabis plants during a raid on June 17.

Public eye

An award ceremony recognising the best eco-friendly businesses in Kingston was due to be held yesterday.

The Tidy Business Awards are managed by town centre manager Kingstonfirst.

More than 20 businesses had their energy efficiency and recycling credentials investigated.

For coverage of the awards, see next week's Green Guardian.



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Those children in the free school meals category are more likely to leave school without a good GCSE grade than to stay on



School run gets costly

The cost of sending a child to school has risen to £1,077 a year, writes Lisa Salmon.

Rising food prices have increased the cost of school meals and packed lunches, while petrol prices have made the school run more expensive, according to a report commissioned by Asda.

Parents now typically spend 7.8 per cent more on schooling their children than in 1998.

But as they'd still have to be fed and ferried around if they

were at home, it's not schooling that's got more expensive – just life.

● Letters to parents telling them if their child has a weight problem will not contain the word 'obese'.

While the Department of Health now wants all primary care trusts to automatically tell parents their child's height and weight, ministers say the heaviest children should be referred to as 'very overweight', as people find the

word 'obese' highly offensive.

Anti-obesity campaigners have branded the move 'namby pamby'.

● Some 45 per cent of children eligible for free school meals failed to get a GCSE at grade C or better in 2006/07, compared to 24 per cent of pupils generally.

Such children were 193 times more likely to leave school without a GCSE at a good grade than to stay on and gain three As at A-level.

● Children would rather travel abroad than spend a day at the British seaside.

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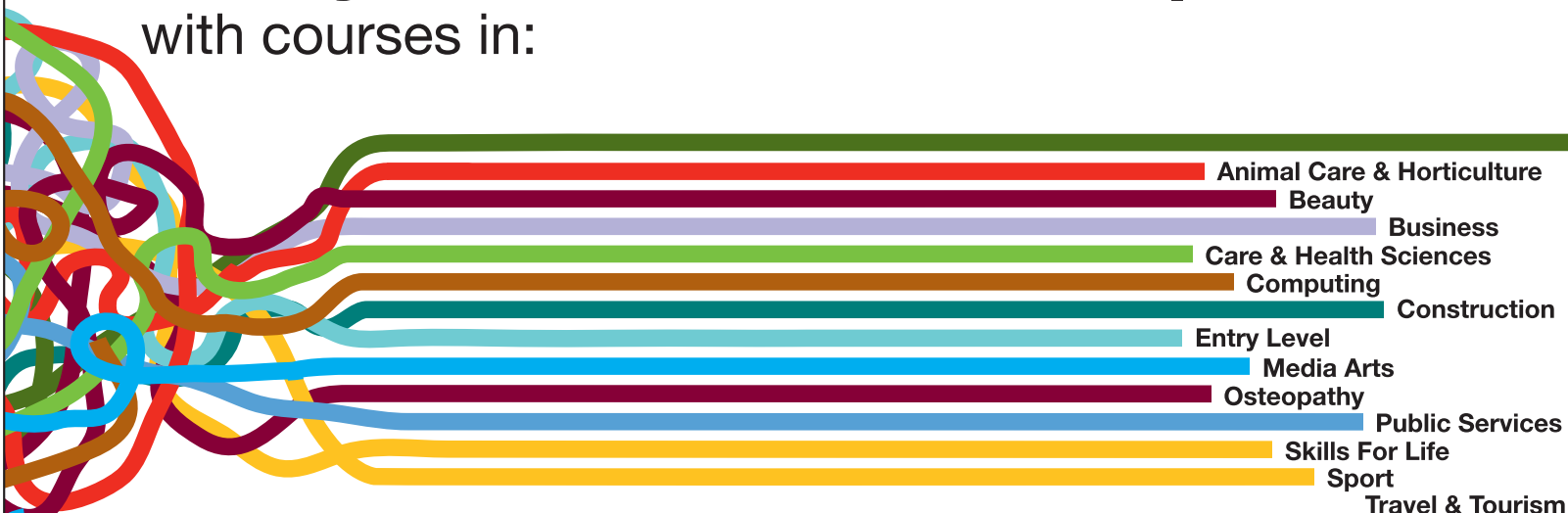
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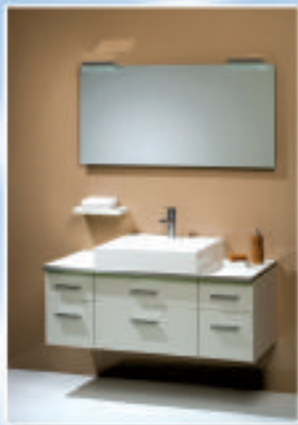
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50s au pair reunited with child after plea

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A former au pair is due to be reunited with the child she cared for more than 50 years ago, thanks to the Kingston Guardian.

Belgian Renee Van Langhendonck, 76, came to Wimbledon in 1952 to look after seven-month-old Victoria Bonner. She soon formed a close friendship with the girl's family, who lived just off Wimbledon Common, but lost contact 25 years ago.

However, she is now back in touch with Victoria – a married mother of three living in Cobham.

Madame Van Langhendonck, who lives in Brussels, first made a plea for information about the Bonners on the website of Wimbledon Park Residents' Association.

But she initially had no luck tracking down the family, who moved to Surrey just a few years after Victoria was born.

The au pair first visited the Bonners in April 1952 for six months. The trip was arranged by a local college, which had links to a similar establishment in Belgium.

She said: "I felt so happy during my stay and, even if the start was sometimes difficult, we soon became like a family. I did not even take my weekly day off and stayed with them instead."

By the end of her first visit, the 19-year-old had been a guest of honour at Jack Bonner's annual golf club dinner and was taken on a two-week holiday to stay with the family's relatives in Canterbury.

In the following years, Mme Van



Tete a tete: Mme Van Langhendonck (top right and bottom) will meet the child she cared for, Victoria Bonner, pictured (top left) on her wedding day

Langhendonck visited the family on numerous occasions and was a guest at Victoria's wedding to Richard Westley in 1973.

In the early 1980s, she lost contact with the Bonners. Jack died more than 10 years ago, followed by Diana in 2003.

But last week, the Kingston Guardian tracked down Richard and Victoria, who now live in Stoke Row, Cobham.

Mme Van Langhendonck has exchanged emails with the family and they hope to arrange a face-to-face meeting soon.

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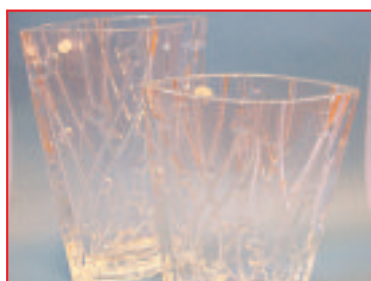
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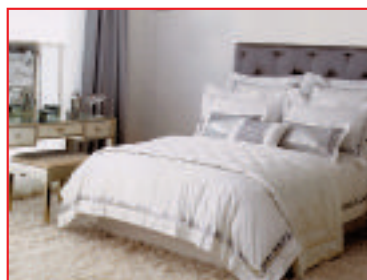
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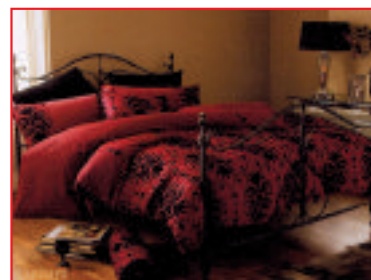
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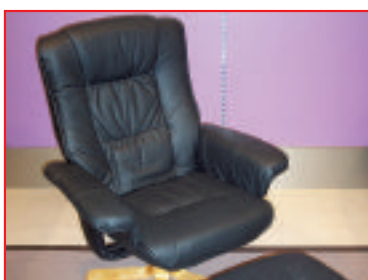
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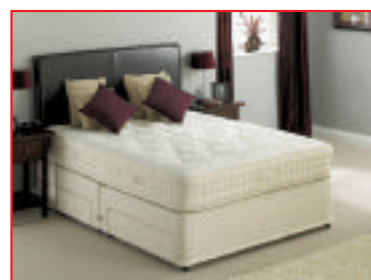
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The Big Picture

- A number of UK bird species are laying eggs significantly earlier than they were 40 years ago, a report reveals. A conservation coalition's report says some finches, robins and tits are laying earlier. It puts this down to warming caused by climate change. Overall, numbers of farmland birds remain about half of what they were in the 1970s, while wintering populations of water birds have risen considerably.

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OIL DEPENDENCY: Transition Town Kingston is holding a presentation entitled Peak Oil, Climate Change and Transition Towns at Kingston University's C-Scape room on September 8. Doors open at 7pm for refreshments and the presentation, looking at how people in Kingston can be less dependent on oil, starts at 7.30pm. Entrance is free. For more information, visit groups.yahoo.com/group/TTK-kingston

RECYCLE BOOKLET: In preparation for Kingston Council's new recycling and refuse collection, which starts in September, more than 10,000 residents will receive an information pack through their letterbox this week. Residents will be able to order extra large wheelie bins to meet their needs. For more information on the new scheme, visit kingston.gov.uk/recycling

BIOFUEL ADMISSION: Less than a fifth of the biofuel used on UK roads meets environmental standards, according to a report by the Renewable Fuels Association. Friends of the Earth campaigner Asad Rehman said: "The shocking admission that we are unable to identify the origin of nearly half the biofuels used in the UK means that the Government cannot assure the British people that the biofuels in their petrol tanks have not destroyed rainforests." For more information, visit dft.gov.uk/rfa/index.cfm



Awareness: Martha Tilston will play a gig at Kingston's Rose Theatre in aid of the Green Fair, which folded this summer after 21 years

Passionate about grass roots

by ALITA HOWE

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Despite the demise of Kingston's Green Fair, the organisers have found a powerful ally in critically-acclaimed folk singer Martha Tilston, who will perform a special benefit gig in aid of the event next weekend at Kingston's Rose Theatre.

After two years of downpours and poor attendance, organisers decided to cut their losses and the Green Fair – as Kingston has known it for 21 years – folded this summer.

The fair, held in Canbury Gardens, was the annual highlight of Kingston's Paint the Town Green festival but organisers are already planning a carbon neutral picnic, Leave No Trace, and elements of the

green fair, hopefully including the green radio station, will grace the 2009 festival throughout the town.

Tilston, a 32-year-old singer-songwriter, grew up in Surbiton and has pledged her support to ensure that the legacy of the Green Fair lives on in Kingston.

She will perform on August 31 with her band The Woods and will be supported by fellow singer and stepmother Maggie Boyle.

She said: "I have been involved in the Green Fair since I was tiny. I used to go with my school friends and

everyone got their hippy skirts and beads out. It was such a free and liberal day.

"It was the one green event on the Kingston calendar when I was young and it was the one day a year when Kingston seemed to think about something other than shopping."

Despite now living in Gloucestershire with her musician husband Robin, performing at the Rose Theatre will hold special significance for Tilston.

Her stepfather is Frank Whately, a theatre director, lecturer at Kingston University and one of the pivotal figures in getting the Rose up and running. She said: "I was so pleased

when the theatre finally opened and I hoped it could also be a venue to host acoustic music, so it is a huge pleasure to be asked to perform there.

"I hope we can raise awareness of the green movement in Kingston because there are so many dedicated people here standing up for the environment and doing fantastic work."

Martha Tilston will be at the Rose Theatre, High Street, Kingston, on Sunday, August 31, at 7.30pm.

Tickets are priced from £7 to £14 and are available by calling the box office on 0871 2301552, or visit rosetheatrekingston.org

Tilston's website can be found at wupadupa.com/artists/martha

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Q
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A

Each week we will ask a question on a green-related subject. This week:

This week's question: How long could you run an energy-efficient light bulb for by recycling just one aluminium can?

Last week's answer is: Turning off the tap when you brush your teeth can save 20 litres of water per day.

A new environmental newsletter has been launched by Kingston Council.

The Action for a Sustainable Kingston (Ask) newsletter, which is primarily online, although hard copies can be requested, aims to bring environmental and sustainability news to the community and promote the good work being done in the borough towards tackling environmental concerns.

The council will produce and

co-ordinate the newsletter but anyone can contribute their stories and events to the quarterly edition.

The newsletter will cover topics such as climate change, environmental events in Kingston and volunteering opportunities, as well as initiatives such as Transition Town Kingston and the Green Guardian Awards.

Carlos Queremel, community environment officer at Kingston Council, said: "Our aim is to

bring the newsletter to the heart of the community and that it becomes a communication tool for all those interested in reducing their environmental impact and consequently, Kingston's ecological footprint."

The first 12-page edition of the newsletter is available now.

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Gavin Woodley has been the security manager for Kingston's Bentall Centre for nine years. The 30-year-old from Chessington talks to Alita Howe about keeping watch over its 75 shops and 13m visitors a year



Career ladder: Head of security Gavin Woodley
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Eye on shoppers' safety

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I started in the security office at the Bentall Centre and climbed the ladder from there.

Is being in charge of security for such a big shopping centre a daunting task?

It is daunting but it is made easier by the team underneath you. I've got 100 per cent confidence in the team here and we all work really well together.

There are 15 of us and seven or eight at any one time in the centre and staff training is of paramount importance.

What training do you do?

All security officers have out in-house AAA training which addresses availability, appearance and attitude.

They are Security Industry Authority trained, which teaches conflict management.

What are your day-to-day duties?

Each officer will be allocated certain duties or an area every day.

Our main job is to be visible for members of the public who may need assistance, patrol the malls looking for anything obvious that may be dangerous to the customers and deter shoplifters.

When we do have incidents

such as shoplifters, we try and be low key. You won't see us rushing around; we don't want the public to be alarmed.

What has been your most memorable incident at the centre?

When a lady gave birth in the building.

The hospital sent her home as she wasn't ready to give birth, so she'd come shopping and gone into labour on one of our spiral staircases.

I was the only one in the team with kids so everyone looked at me as if I knew how to give birth.

We got some screens and blankets and just as the paramedics arrived, she gave

birth in the centre.

How have the security needs of the centre changed and what procedures are in place in case of a terrorism alert?

We like to think we're at the forefront of keeping up-to-date with our procedures.

The checks we do are already classed as critical level, the same as if we'd had a direct threat.

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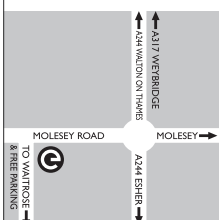
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Nursery fair has a tropical feel

Although temperatures did not quite reach Hawaiian heights on August 16, the sun stayed out long enough for grass skirt and loud shirt wearing revellers to enjoy the Dolphin Nursery's themed summer fair.

Hula, limbo and a steel band helped entertain visitors to the Elm Grove nursery on the day as they attempted to raise more than £1,000 for leukaemia research.



Flower power: Marketa Lapackova, Jenni Higgs, Michaela Gomez and Heather Haines

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Open-top bus joins Olympic countdown

by ALITA HOWE

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With the Beijing Olympics drawing to a close, all eyes will soon be on London as the countdown to 2012 begins in earnest this weekend.

Every London borough is holding a handover party on August 24 to hand the Olympic reign to the capital. Kingston Council has organised a special open-top bus which will tour the borough before it joins the main celebrations

taking place in The Mall.

Kingston will raise the London 2012 Olympic flag at the Guildhall at 10.30am on Sunday, before an open-top bus crammed with local athletes and dignitaries, including deputy mayor Councillor Rohan Yoganathan, make the 11-mile (18km) trip to central London, where a free concert for 40,000 people will form the centrepiece of the handover celebrations.

Sandie Barker, of Active Kingston, has helped organise the event and hopes it will be a way for Kingstonians to join

in the capital's celebrations.

She said: "We thought the bus would be a great idea and hope people will come and cheer the bus on."

Councillor Simon James, Kingston's Olympic champion, said: "The borough may feel some way away from the main Olympic venue in east London but the opportunities and benefits the games bring will spread right across this great city of ours and beyond."

See our sports pages for full coverage of all our local Olympic success stories, including gold for two Molesey Boat Club rowers in the men's fours.

Top Korean choristers to give free church concert

A world class Korean choir is coming to Kingston to perform a free concert on Sunday.

The Suwon Civic Chorale was founded in 1983, has performed more than 600 concerts and toured in Australia, America and Germany. It also performed at the 2002 world cup in South Korea.

The choir will visit the borough for the first time to perform at All Saints' Church, Market Place, on August 24, conducted by In-Gi Min.

Members of the Korean

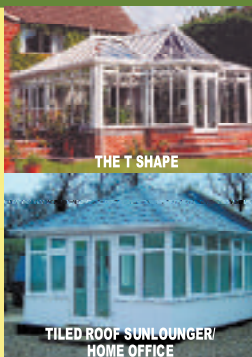
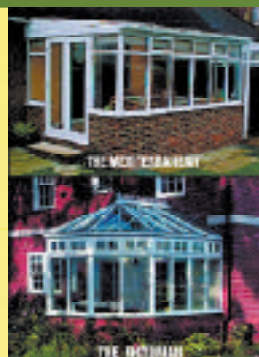
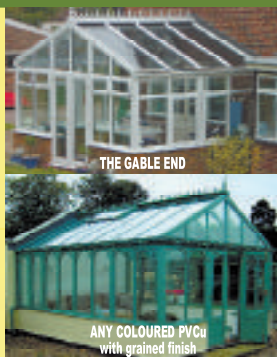
Embassy and Suwon mayor Chang-Geun Yeh will attend the performance and Kingston Council's deputy mayor, Councillor Rohan Yoganathan will represent the borough.

The dynamic group is famed for introducing visual elements to its performances by mixing choral music with ballet or contemporary dance.

The event has been organised by the Association of British Choral Directors and starts at 7.30pm.

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What is the point of group?

Your letters "Giving council housing a second thought" and "Campaign" highlight the differences between council housing and housing associations, but do not go far enough.

The Genesis Housing Group, which operates all over London, is chaired by the managing director of the Royal Bank of Canada (Europe), and has an accountant as its managing director.

Its board of directors consists of three more bankers, two more accountants, two surveyors and an older lady. There are no tenants here.

This sets the tone for an organisation which has never had a universal and independently run tenants satisfaction survey.

It has crossed names of tenants off the ballot papers for election to a subsidiary board, has a complaints process which is valueless and which subscribes to the Housing Ombudsman Service which is worth less than a chocolate teapot.

Board minutes, agenda papers, committee minutes and even the Annual General Meetings are held in secret. Why? We don't know. There may be a reason; after all, one of their subsidiaries went to the wall in the year 2000.

I have had no heating for eight years since the pipes are not lagged under the floor and the cost is ruinous.

But that is deemed good enough since they judge that if I applied for legal aid the case would not be seen as of sufficient urgency for their limited funds. They are quite right.

PETER RUTHERFORD
Independent Federation of
Genesis Residents

Where are priorities?

Kingston Council can afford to pay 179 of its staff more than £50,000 a year, five of its staff over £100,000 a year, and its chief executive £170,000, yet it says it cannot afford to repair council housing.

The council's failure to repair council housing has already led to a child fracturing his skull and collarbone falling through broken safety railings. Perhaps if people who were injured on council property started to sue the council for personal injury, it might reassess its priorities.

NANETTE HERBERT
Via email

Let us move forward for much-needed house funds

RA Austin and Councillor Penny Shelton both have expressed a wish that I and other proponents of council housing in your letters columns should shut up until the council comes back, in October, to the issue of the transfer of its stock to a housing association.

I wonder why? Considering that they have commanded far more column inches than the rest of us, could it be that our points are beginning to strike home?

By their own admission we

now know that there is a £2m reserve in the housing revenue account to which has just been added a further £600,000, underspent on maintenance last year. Add to that the £6m annual budget for housing maintenance and works and that looks a tidy sum for general improvement and not just for last minute repairs.

We have also learned from them that council rents are lower than housing association rents, that Kingston

Council tenants are largely happy to remain so and that the £6.7m at present taken from the housing revenue account by the Government, if restored, will all be spent on council housing. So we are all agreed on that.

Now we can all go forward together in pressing the Government (of whatever party) for the full release of capital receipts from the past sale of council homes in order to start building more desperately needed houses for rent,

while removing the right to buy.

Kingston could even follow other municipalities by placing compulsory purchase orders on unsold accommodation in private developments to solve the current housing crisis.

It is all to do with political will and I am sure that Coun Shelton has plenty of that.

JEAN TURNER
Fassett Road
Kingston

Development will only transform area into an 'unpleasant rat run'

Re: recent correspondence on the proposed development of 5-29 Coombe Road.

I strongly oppose this development in its current form because of my concerns about the adverse impact it will have on the quality of life of local residents.

To build a residential block of 90 units while providing grossly inadequate parking facilities will put an intolerable strain on the narrow and crowded local streets, already overburdened with all-day commuter parking, because of their proximity to the station and the inadequacy of the parking arrangements there.

It would be nice to think that the residents of the proposed new development would

all be green enthusiasts without cars but, sadly, we all know perfectly well that this will not be the case.

They will nearly all have cars and they (and their many visitors) will simply park anywhere they can in the surrounding streets.

As for the suggestion that access to the development should be via Alric Avenue, as one who over the past 40 years has observed the progressively increasing difficulty and danger of negotiating the junction between Alric Avenue and Coombe Road, I find this proposal utterly risible.

There will be chaos at the end of Alric Avenue, and Hopingwood, Orchard and Rosebery avenues will be

transformed into unpleasant rat runs.

Where, incidentally, is it proposed that those using the new cafés, deli and store should park?

Anyone who has observed the effects on access to Alric and local parking of a single takeaway in recent years must wonder what on Earth is going on in the minds of those responsible for the proposed development?

They clearly have no idea of the nature of our small local community and are either ignorant or uncaring about the true consequences of their plans.

DAVID ALLISON
Alric Avenue

Lib Dems playing 'with people's lives'

I refer to your story regarding the injury that took place at Sheephouse Way estate, where a child was hurt by falling through some damaged and missing railings.

Councillor McDonald inferred that the local neighbourhood committee may have been negligent in some way.

These were indeed the weasel words of a Lib Dem councillor who continually refuses to even consider tak-

ing responsibility for the actions of his own Lib Dem council.

A short while ago, the Liberal Democrat executive asked the Conservatives to join them in a cross-party group to consider all the options for securing the investment required in the housing stock.

In view of the serious crisis Kingston Council has in raising the money to invest in many poor quality homes, the Conservatives agreed.

However, it now seems that the Lib Dems would rather play political games than work together with Conservative councillors for the common good.

I implore the Liberal Democrats to stop playing politics with people's lives, the future of our council housing is just far too important.

COUN IAN GEORGE
Conservative housing
spokesman

Stop writing dribble and improve stock

Councillor Penny Shelton reminds me of a scratched record with her letters repeating the same message, continually defending the council's position weekly on the housing stock transfer and blaming the government for the state of the housing.

Why doesn't Coun Shelton explain what happens to the re-

maining £7 or why the council underspent by £676,000 from last year, why the properties have been able to reach this crisis point?

Where is the programme of works to keep these building up to a suitable stand for living?

Surely the council has breached health and safety

regulations and has not met the duty of care required to its tenants.

Coun Shelton should stop writing her weekly dribble and start improving the housing stock with the funds that are readily available.

DANIEL GOODGER
Chessington

JONATHAN FRAY
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Bakery robbed at knife point

Kingston police are appealing for witnesses after a Hook bakery was robbed at knife point.

I hope the police find them so that the court can tell them not to be so naughty and send them on their way.

Tony
Surbiton

TfL boss spends thousands on cabs

London's transport boss spent over £1,500 on taxis last year while his passengers struggled into work on tubes, trains and buses.

This really is bad news.

Please can we stop the greed as this is what this is also prestige they don't want to be seen as normal commuters.

cr2,
Croydon

Maybe they should go on the underground and get squashed and then have to stand on the train/tube while there are delays like a herd of cattle. Still nothing is being done yet they are just as bad as before, but no, take the easy way out and grab a cab why don't you.

lady1, London

Does this gentleman have an Oyster Card as part of his salary package, or does he actually pay for it? He should take the 209 bus from the horrible new bus station at Hammersmith. Open to the wind and rain, and nasty sarcastic inspectors standing around with clipboards, whilst few drivers will have the decency to open their doors to allow passengers to take cover. This is the infamous 209 line that destroyed the lives of a family at Mortlake. Mr Hendy, you should try this 209 bus service. When they finally let you get on, they don't give people a chance to sit down, and the bus shoots off sending elderly people and other passengers flying.

Gertrude Grendal,
Barnes

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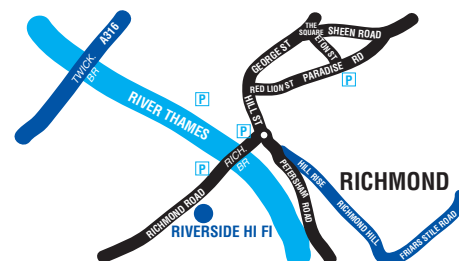


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Sax appeal: Musicians from Kingston Big Band were among those providing the entertainment

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All smiles: Sisters Ella, eight, and Molly Morrell, seven, with Silly Milly the clown

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Sixty years of estate life

An evening of music was held at Cambridge Gardens on Saturday to mark the 60th anniversary of the estate.

Residents old and new joined Mayor of Kingston Councillor David Berry for a celebration on the green on August 16, at which Kingston Youth Band provided the entertainment.

The event was organised by Cambridge Road Estates Community Group and the Cambridge Gardens Residents' Association and also featured children's entertainment and refreshments.

Alma White, a resident for nearly 50 years, said: "It was a lovely evening and seeing some of the old faces made my day."



New era: Children mark the opening of the estate with a party in 1948



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Henry James's classic Portrait Of A lady – see page 38

Turner over a new leaf

Festivals may well be the be-all and end-all of the music calendar but for Frank Turner they are very much part of a love-hate relationship.

The Kingston-based singer/songwriter will be playing New Slang as a warm-up for his appearances at Reading and Leeds.

And he admits he has mixed feelings about playing to the masses.

Turner explains: "There is nothing to make you hate festivals more than playing a lot of them.

"I love going to festivals as a fan but, as soon as you have responsibilities and things to achieve, a lot of the fun goes.

"It is difficult to sound check so you have to go on a bit unprepared.

"And if you go up on stage and say, 'I think I will turn up and play some new stuff,' then people will switch off.

"It is not a forum for experimenting.

"But, let's face it, there is nothing in this world that can beat a big crowd singing along to a song you have written."

Turner was born in Bahrain due to his Dad's roving job but moved back to Britain as a mere toddler.

And he reveals it was the influence of one of Britain's finest metal exponents that set him on the road to musical freedom.

Turner adds: "I'm proud to say I'm an Iron Maiden fan.

"They were the first band that really made me want to be in a band myself.

"They totally and utterly ate my life.

"One of my friends at

GIGS: Frank Turner & Chris T-T, New Slang

Simon Fitzjohn

school had a crazy old woman who lived near him and, when she died, she left him a load of money.

"He bought a drum kit and badgered others to buy instruments and make a band.

"I bought a guitar and I have not stopped being in a band since."

Turner registered on the nation's radar with band Million Dead but it was his decision to go solo that has gathered the plaudits.

Having released two albums and toured extensively Turner has built a reputation as one of the country's finest emerging talents.

And he insists the best is yet to come.

"You do have more creative freedom when you go solo but equally you have less people to bounce ideas off," says Turner.

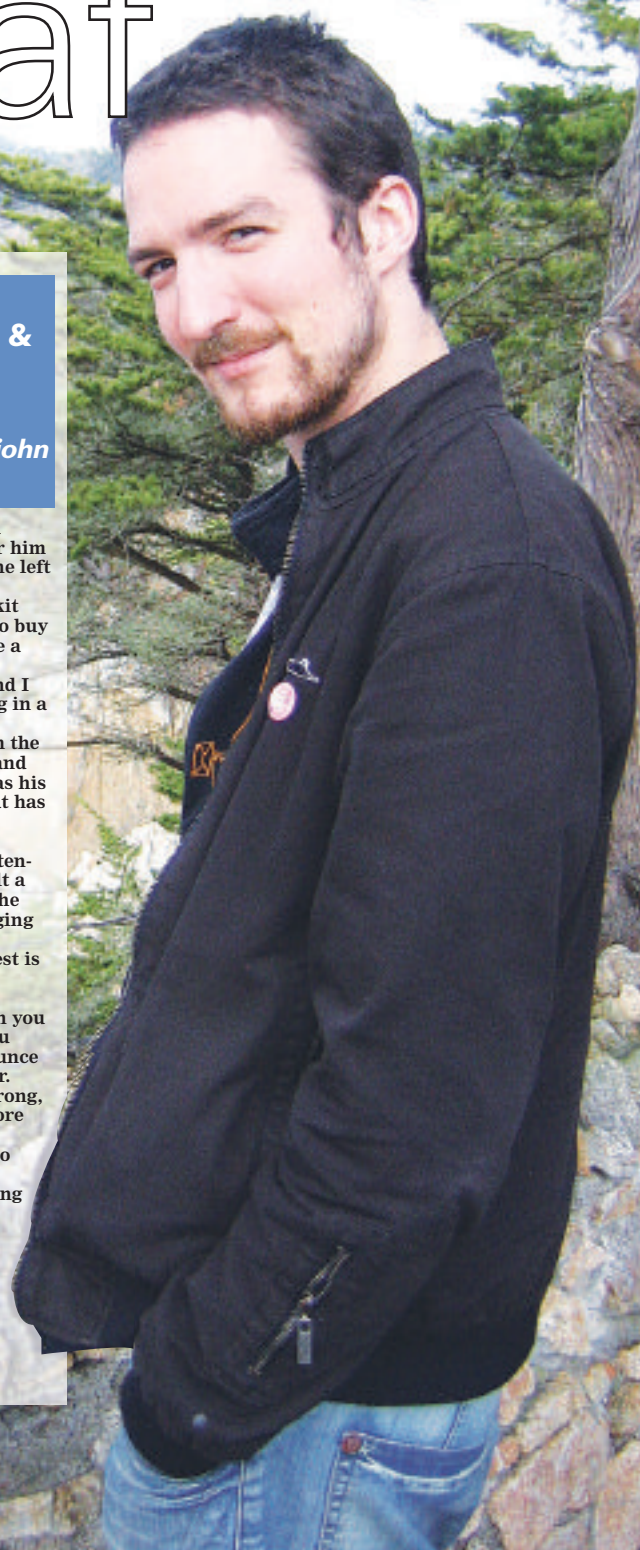
"And, if things go wrong, the fallout is much more intense.

"But I always want to be the best I can be.

"Constantly improving is the key.

"Treading water is not something I'm massively interested in doing."

Frank Turner & Chris T-T, New Slang, McClusky's, Kingston, August 21, 9pm, £5/£6.



The week ahead

Led by example

Top-notch Led Zeppelin tribute Boot Led Zeppelin will be wowing the crowd with their take on classics such as Stairway To Heaven and Whole Lotta Love. With Page and Plant back in the headlines, take this opportunity to remind yourself of their genius.

Grey Horse, Richmond Road, Kingston, Friday, 9pm, £8/£10, 020 8567 2004.

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Ticket to ride

Kingston's popular bike rides return as the guided trails hit the road. All ages are welcome and there is no need to be a member to join. There will be two half-day rides, with the first starting at 10.30am.

Sunday, Queen Anne Statue, Kingston Market, free, 020 8397 1825.

Bank holiday blues

The Tim Hain Band will create a relaxed vibe for your bank holiday evening when they appear at the Grey Horse. Tim will be joined by Clea Llewellyn for their unique sound of reggae with a twist of blues, flowing through classic soul and rock n'roll. Kingston, Monday, 5pm, free, 020 8567 2004.

Back to nature

The Fountain Gallery's latest exhibition, Two & One, continues in East Molesey. Showcasing the work of artists Lynette Cahill, Diane Whyte and Mike Rice, the display is a celebration of nature through the study of flowers and landscapes. Fountain Gallery, Hampton Court, East Molesey, open Tues-Sun, 020 8941 5865.

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Flying the nest: Peter Falconer has left his band, Mutiny, to go solo

Playboy centrefolds, Saudi princes and Hartlepool workmen's clubs may seem an unlikely combination but for Peter Falconer those memories are clearly stored in a file stamped 'back history'. Singer-songwriter Falconer has enjoyed an unusual path to solo success, from humble beginnings learning classical piano to today's world of gigging and soundtrack writing.

And the 26-year-old admits music was always a family affair.

He explains: "My father was a bass player in a covers band that played workmen's clubs.

"So I started piano lessons when I was three. I trained for years and that was my first love.

"Then, as I grew older, I started picking up other instruments like keyboards and saxophone.

"But then time, money, and girls got in the way." After a wayward

GIGS: Peter Falconer, Fighting Cocks, Kingston

Simon Fitzjohn

sidestep, it was the burgeoning career of the Purple One that got things back on track.

Falconer reveals: "When I was 15, I really got into Prince and that gave me an interest in recording music rather than just playing it.

"I started in a few bands and things grew from there."

Fast-forward a few years and this is where Playboy cover girl Anka Romensky comes in, with Falconer writing tunes for her short-lived pop career.

He adds: "It was bizarre to say the least.

"She had a Saudi prince as a boyfriend and seemed

pretty serious about it. "But it certainly taught me how to write a solid three-minute pop song. I think pop is a dirty word for a lot of people in the business but not for me."

Moving back to his own career, the Teddington-based singer spent a couple of years with band Mutiny, before branching out on his own.

And he insists anybody who ventures to one of his gigs is sure to get their money's worth.

He finishes: "I always write about things that have happened to me.

"An audience can always tell when you are being genuine. You take things that have happened in your life and twist them so they appeal to everybody.

"People want something they can relate to - you really have to commit to something like this."

Peter Falconer, Fighting Cocks, Kingston, August 23, 8pm, £5, 020 8546 5174.

Shake your maracas

Latin music lovers should make a beeline for the Isha lounge bar in Kingston on Sunday as the venue will once again be shaking its maracas with another popular Sunday Night Salsa evening.

Not only will there be great music, food and cocktail hours but London favourites, Palenke, will be in attendance to get the night swinging.

Palenke, the capital's leading Latin American dance band, were formed in 1990 and have been wowing the crowds ever since.

Hailing from Colombia, the group is the brainchild of duo Fernando 'Kinacho' Suarez and Lisandro Zapata, two highly trained professional performers.

GIGS: Palenke, Isha Lounge, Kingston

Simon Fitzjohn

such as Colombian cumbia and Dominican merengue.

For a more relaxed vibe, the band also works in Caribbean reggae and a twist of the Gypsy Kings.

Fronting Palenke is fellow Colombian Adriana Santana, who has been dubbed the 'Queen of Salsa' in the London community thanks to her considerable vocal talents and dance moves.

And there is plenty to delight the musically minded, with Palenke using the sounds of piano, guitar, bass, bongos, congas and timbale to create an

authentic vibe. The group has carved out a successful niche in the market and have been invited to perform as far and wide as Switzerland, Morocco, Indonesia and Malaysia - even playing to King Juan Carlos of Spain.

And they are much-loved on the London scene, having performed at countless venues across the capital, including the Barbican and the South Bank.

Somehow the band also found time to release an album - *Kachaco* - a potent mix of music, memories and anecdotes.

So anyone wanting to throw a little Latin spice into their week should head down to Isha for a guaranteed great night out.

Palenke, Isha Lounge Bar, Richmond Road, Kingston, August 24, 7pm, £5, 020 8546 0099.

thursday, august 21

EVENTS

Story time. For children aged under five. 2.15pm. West Barnes Library, Station Road, New Malden. Free. 020 8942 2635. westbarnes.library@merton.gov.uk

THEATRE

Twelfth Night. Until Aug 24. No performance on Aug 18. 7.30pm. Hampton Court Palace, East Molesey. £23 (conc £15). 0870 264 3333.

GIGS

Rockin' Horse Promos - Battle Of The Bands Round One (pt 8). Four bands battle to go through to the second round: Just like little People 8.30pm-8.55pm, The Dead Sellouts 9.10pm-9.35pm, Symphony of Pain 9.50pm-10.15pm, White Russian band 10.30pm-10.55pm. Proceeds from the door go towards the final prize. 8.30pm. The Grey Horse, 46 Richmond Road, Kingston. £4. 020 8567 2004. grey-horse.co.uk

Good Men In The Jungle. Country and folk. 8.30pm. Brave New World, 22 Berrylands Road, Surbiton. Free. 020 8399 0200.

friday, august 22

EXHIBITIONS

Young Henry VIII. Come to Hampton Court Palace and meet the 'pin-up' prince before he became fat old Henry VIII. 10am. Hampton Court Palace, Hampton Court Road. Entry included in palace ticket or separate charge. 0844 482 7777.

EVENTS

Fulham FC Summer Soccer Course. Mini fun course. For ages three to six. 9am-11am. YMCA Hawker Centre, Lower Ham Road, Kingston. £50.00. 0870 442 5432. schamberlain@fulhamfc.com

Show You Care, Knit A Square. Until Sept 13. All Bon Marche stores in south-west London are knitting squares to form knee blankets for local care and residential homes. If you would like to join in please call in to your local store at 138 High Street, New Malden, or phone for more info. Any donations of unwanted double-knit wool are also welcome. There is a prize of a £35 outfit for the customer who knits the most squares. 9am. Bon Marche, 138 High Street, New Malden. Free. 0208 949 0735. jacqueline.hebben@virgin.net

GIGS

Sam Thornton Duo. Free. 7pm. The Grey Horse, 46 Richmond Road, Kingston. Free. 020 8567 2004. myspace.com/mojo57blues

Fire & Water. Rock. 8.30pm. The Cardinal Wolsey, The Green, Hampton Court Road, East Molesey. Free. 020 8487 3651. thecardinalwolsey.co.uk

Gary Brewer. GBs. Rock and blues. 8.30pm. Brave New World, 22 Berrylands Road, Surbiton. Free. 020 8399 0200.

Mona Leeza. Featuring ex-Lord Sutch drummer Martin Symonds). 9pm. Poynts Arms, 85 Walton Road, East Molesey. Free.

Boot-Led Zeppelin. Zep tribute. 9pm. The Grey Horse, 46 Richmond Road, Kingston. £10 (£8 adv). 020 8567 2004. boot-led-zeppelin.co.uk

saturday, august 23

EXHIBITION

Shifting Sands. Open Tues-Fri 12.30pm-4.30pm, Sat 11am-4pm. Sun & Mon closed. Runnymede's Industrial Past. Traces developments from the largely rural landscape prior to the 17th century, to the building of the Wey Navigation in the 1650s and the coming of

the railway in the mid-1800s, to the sand and gravel extraction of the 20th century. 12.30pm. Chertsey Museum, The Cedars, 33 Windsor Street. Free. 01932 575370. chertseymuseum.org.uk

Festival. Until Oct 18. To celebrate the 800th anniversary of Kingston's first surviving charter from King John. Looks at history and diversity of festivals in Kingston over past 800 years. 10am. Kingston Museum, Wheatfield Way. £1, U16s free. 020 8547 6460. kingston-museum@rbk.kingston.gov.uk

EVENTS

Tudor Cookery. Until Aug 25. Real smells, sounds and huge roasting fires give a flavour of Tudor life below stairs, as our intrepid team of history chefs experiment with recipes, ingredients and cooking methods to prepare a feast fit for a king. Please contact for times and prices. Hampton Court Palace, Hampton Court Road, East Molesey. 0870 7527777.

GIGS

Sam Thornton Duo. Free. 7pm. The Grey Horse, 46 Richmond Road, Kingston. 020 8567 2004. myspace.com/mojo57blues

The Garrett/Gillies Band. Kingston Jazz Club. 8.30pm. Ram Jam Club, 46 Richmond Road, Kingston. £5 (£3). 020 8567 2004. grey-horse.co.uk

Bad Influence. Blues/rock. 8.30pm. The Cardinal Wolsey, The Green, Hampton Court Road, East Molesey. Free. 020 8487 3651. thecardinalwolsey.co.uk

Station House & The Gov'nors. 9pm. The Grey Horse, 46 Richmond Road, Kingston. £10 (£8 adv). 020 8567 2004. grey-horse.co.uk

sunday, august 24

GIGS

The Tony Heiberg Quartet Featuring Paul Jordanous. 8pm. The Kingston Gate, 204 London Road, Kingston. Free. 020 8546 4840.

Open Mic With Chris Dowl. 8pm. Brave New World, 22 Berrylands Road, Surbiton. Free. 020 8399 0200.

The GBs. Gary Brewer, Malc Hoskins and Pete Stroud with their brand of rockin' blues. 3pm. The Grey Horse, 46 Richmond Road, Kingston. Free. 020 8567 2004. grey-horse.co.uk

Ian Hunt Duo. 5pm. Free. The Grey Horse, 46 Richmond Road, Kingston. 020 8567 2004. grey-horse.co.uk

Sunday Night Salsa! Palenke performing salsa classics, bachatta, merengue, Cumbia plus more Latin American dance favourites. 7pm. Isha Lounge Bar, 43 Richmond Road, Kingston. £5. 020 8546 0099. ishalounge@hotmail.com

Bad Influence. 8pm. The Grey Horse, 46 Richmond Road, Kingston. £5. 020 8567 2004. grey-horse.co.uk

Prezence. Rock. 8.30pm. The Cardinal Wolsey, The Green, Hampton Court Road, East Molesey. Free. 020 8487 3651. thecardinalwolsey.co.uk

EVENTS

Car-Boot Sale. Set-up from 7am. Cars £10, vans from £15. 8am. Apps Court Farm, Hurst Road, Walton. 01932 244822.

Kingston Cycling Campaign Rides. 10.30am. Queen Anne Statue, Kingston Market Place. Free. 020 8397 1875. johne-dunn@blueyonder.co.uk

monday, august 25

SPORTS

Fulham FC Summer Soccer Junior Fun Course. All abilities, boys and girls. It will also include some focus on enhancing skills. 9am. FFC Training Ground, Motspur Park, New Malden, Kingston. £80. 0870 442 5432. schamberlain@fulhamfc.com

GIGS

The New Heaters. 2pm. Free. The Grey Horse, 46 Richmond Road, Kingston. 020 8567 2004. grey-horse.co.uk

The Tim Hain Band. With Tim Hain and Clea Llewellyn. Reggae, blues, soul to rock'n'roll. 5pm. Free. The Grey Horse, 46 Richmond Road, Kingston. 020 8567 2004. grey-horse.co.uk

The Papa George Band. 8pm. Free. The Grey Horse, 46 Richmond Road, Kingston. 020 8567 2004. grey-horse.co.uk

The Jazz and Funk Jam. Every Mon. Play with a full band led by Duncan Eagles. Bring your instrument. Free. 8.30pm. The Grey Horse, 46 Richmond Road, Kingston. 020 8567 2004. grey-horse.co.uk

tuesday, august 26

EXHIBITIONS

Two + One - Lynette Cahill, Diane Whyte and Mike Rice. Until Aug 31. Closed Mon. Diana McKinnon incorporates sheer fabric and stitching. 11.30am. Fountain Gallery, 26 Bridge Road, East Molesey. Free. 020 8941 5865. fountaingallery.co.uk

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Rubicon Book Club. Imagine This by Sade Adeniram. 7.30pm. Rubicon, 97 Maple Road, Surbiton. £4. 020 8399 5055. rubiconbar.com

THEATRE

The Portrait of a Lady. Until Sept 6. From the Henry James novel starring Catherine McCormack, Niamh Cusack, Finar Lynch, Anthony Howell, Jean Marsh. Mat 7.30pm. Wed, Thurs, Sat mats, 2.30pm. Rose Theatre, 24-26 High Street. £7 - £29.50. 0871 230 1552. rosetheatrekingston.org

GIGS

Carl Orr Quartet featuring Lawrence Cottle. 8.30pm. Ram Jam Club, 46 Richmond Road, Kingston. £5 (£3). 020 8567 2004. grey-horse.co.uk

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- Erasure (12)
- Adulterated (6)
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- Understood (12)
- Smell (5)
- Division (7)
- Compelling influence (8)
- Perform (4)

DOWN

- At intervals (8)
- Waterway (5)
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- Electoral district (12)
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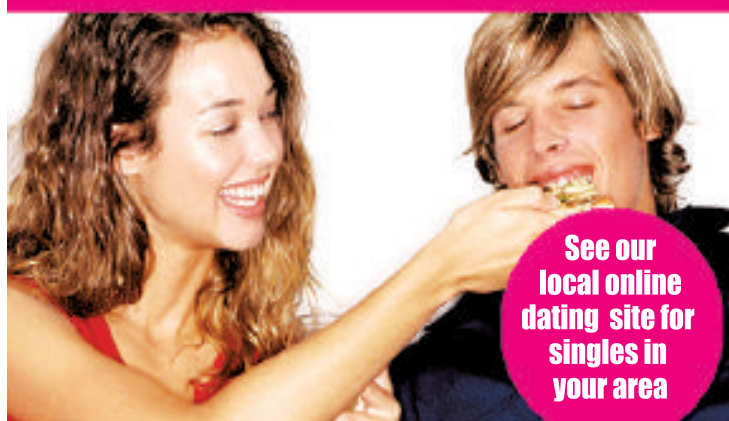
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Hall of fame



Theatre royalty Sir Peter Hall leads the charge for the Rose Theatre's new Autumn season when he brings Henry James's classic *Portrait Of A Lady* to the stage.

Having been at the forefront of the campaign to get the project off the ground, and having christened the venue with debut production *Uncle Vanya*, Hall has rounded up a fine cast to bring the project to life.

Among the riches of talent on display will be Catherine McCormack, Niamh Cusack, Finbar Lynch and Oliver Harris.

McCormack, who takes the lead role of Isabel Archer, is well-known to viewers of both stage and screen, having been nominated for an Olivier Award for her role in *All My Sons*.

Her film work has included prominent roles in *Braveheart*, *Spy Game* and *28 Weeks Later*.

Cusack, member of the famous acting family, became a household name after her long-running role as Dr Kate Rowan in popular ITV drama *Heartbeat*.

Backing up these stellar females will be Finbar Lynch in the pivotal role of Gilbert Osmond. Lynch is a veteran of the stage and was Tony-

THEATRE: Portrait Of A Lady, Rose Theatre

Simon Fitzjohn

nominated for his Broadway performance in the revival of Tennessee Williams' *Not About Nightingales*.

The James novel, which has been adapted for the stage by Nicola Frei, documents the journey of Archer, an American heiress. Embarking on a voyage of self-discovery, she falls foul of some machiavellian scheming as she travels through Europe.

The production will be just the start of a Sir Peter Hall-inspired season, with further plays to come.

And the Kingston Guardian will be following the projects, with cast interviews to feature over the coming weeks.

Portrait Of A Lady, Rose Theatre, Kingston, August 26 to September 6, 2.30/7.30pm, £7 to £29.50, call 0871 230 1552.

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A wheelie good day out

Transport buffs or any Londoner interested in the capital's past are in for a rare treat on Bank Holiday Monday when Cobham Bus Museum throws open its doors for an Open Day.

The museum, normally closed to the public, will be staging one of its popular days where the relics will be dusted down, fired up, and giving rides.

Organiser Colin Borg sheds some light on the museum's past:

"It really all started about 20 years ago.

"There was a group of enthusiasts who were collecting buses.

"They were looking for somewhere to keep their buses safe – there was no real thought of turning it into a museum."

But after housing the vehicles in a warehouse, which interestingly provided the wings for Wellington bombers in its previous guise, the idea sprang to mind.

And Borg reveals the collection has grown rapidly through the years.

He adds: "We have about 20 buses now, right back to a pair of horse buses from the 1880s.

"The older buses are the more popular at-

EVENTS: Open Day, Cobham Bus Museum

Simon Fitzjohn

tractions because, when you get to the red buses from the 1930s, there is very little difference from the double-deckers of the 60s."

The museum has linked up with Great Cockrow miniature railway for the open day, with rides running back and forth to Weybridge Station throughout the day.

And Borg is urging residents to take advantage of this rare look at London's 'home of bus heritage'.

Borg adds: "This is the only chance that locals have to come to the museum on their own terms.

"But, more importantly, they have a chance to ride the buses.

"We do not believe in keeping these locked up in the museum.

"They belong on the road and that is where they really come to life."

Cobham Bus Museum, Redhill Road, Cobham, August 25, 10am onwards, £5, call 01932 868665 for more information.

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High-bred hybrid

By Andy Enright

Road testing cars does confer certain benefits.

The ability to receive a vehicle brim full of fuel and return it a week later running on fumes is one and this tends to engender a rather detached view when it comes to fuel economy and emissions.

What it doesn't divorce us from is the disapproving looks from many drivers when a big, luxury 4x4 hoves into view. The Lexus RX has long been one of the less overblown luxury 4x4s and when fitted with a hybrid engine, it's a truck with an

environmental conscience.

Prices start at £35,810, with plusher SR, SE and SE-L variants offered respectively at £37,510, £39,650 and £44,330. That's a premium of just under £4,500 over a standard petrol-powered RX350. The fuel economy and range of the RX400h means that it'll average around 450 miles on a single fill up.

On unfamiliar roads or in freezing weather that sort of convenience is a real bonus. Lexus quote a combined fuel economy figure of 34.9mpg, by far the lowest of any

petrol powered luxury 4x4.

Generating a healthy 272bhp, the RX400h has jet heels, getting to 60mph in just 7.4 seconds. The 3.3-litre V6 petrol engine under the bonnet isn't anything ground breaking, but Lexus has also engineered a pair of high-torque electric motors positioned front and rear that can either assist the petrol engine during acceleration or replace it altogether at start up or low to mid-range speeds.

Moreover, during deceleration and under braking, the engine

switches off and both the electric motors act as high-output generators, driven by all four wheels.

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RX 400h fuel economy figures: extra-urban 37.2mpg (7.6L/100km), urban 31.0mpg (9.1L/100km), combined 34.9mpg (8.1L/100km). CO₂ emissions 192g/km.

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New car road test: Vauxhall Insignia range

Badge of honour

By Steve Walker



More striking to look at than the Vectra but also more spacious and with an improved engine range, the Vauxhall Insignia looks like a winner.

The optional four-wheel-drive system should go down well at the top end of the range, helping the Insignia to extend its appeal to private buyers.

The Insignia is offered with five engines initially. For petrol buyers, there's an entry-level 1.8-litre 140PS

ECOTEC unit, then a rather large gap to a 220PS 2.0-litre turbocharged unit, sitting below a 2.8-litre V6 260PS range-topper.

If you want a CDTi diesel, there are a couple of fresh 2.0-litre ones, developing either 130 or 160PS. The Insignia is offered in two or four-wheel-drive guise, with the 4x4 model benefiting from the clever adaptive all-wheel-drive system pioneered by Saab. It adapts the

distribution of torque between all four wheels instantaneously to enhance traction and handling. This should give the Insignia a key advantage over its predominately 2WD rivals.

A clever adjustable damping 'FlexRide' system has been developed for this car, enabling drivers to choose a chassis setup that matches their own particular driving style.

In addition to the Standard

ride setting, FlexRide enables the driver to select a relaxed (Tour) setting or a firmer suspension set-up (Sport) by pressing one of two buttons on the instrument panel.

Offered as a five-door, a four-door or an estate, this car tries for a dynamic, head-turning appearance and isn't unsuccessful. But is this car as sharp to drive as its Mondeo rival? Perhaps not, but there's not much in

it and the clever FlexRide system gives it a technological edge. There's not very much on the debit side, unless you count the big gap between the two four cylinder petrol engines' output and their unremarkable fuel economy.

Overall, what's crucial is that the basics seem to work. The Insignia looks a desirable, cleverly designed package that will give rivals something to think about.

Car fact file

PRICES: £15,935-£28,885 – on the road

INSURANCE GROUPS: 39-18 [est]

PERFORMANCE: [1.8 ECOTEC] 0-60mph 10.9s / Max Speed 128mph

CO2 EMISSIONS: 154-272g/km

FUEL CONSUMPTION: [2.0 CDTi 120] (urban) 37.2mpg / (extra urban) 58.9mpg / (combined) 48.7mpg

STANDARD SAFETY FEATURES: Twin front, side & curtain airbags, ABS, ESP

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Ford Fiesta Zetec S Red Special Edition



Join in the race

By Steve Walker

There's no doubt that the Ford Fiesta has come a long way over the years and the Zetec S Red edition is a good indicator of where it's at right now.

You won't find these models hard to spot as the unique and rather vivid Colorado Red paintwork is topped off with a full chequered-flag roof decal. It's that other throwback to motoring days past, BMW's new MINI, that has helped re-popularise the personalisation of small cars with exterior graphics, and the current Fiesta is one of a number of rival models to get in on the act.

The range-topping Fiesta ST is available with roof stripes that evoke the famous livery of the 1960s Ford GT40 racecars and the Zetec S Red has its black and white checks.

Equipment levels are particularly generous given that the special Zetec S Red elements come in addition to the items found on the standard Zetec-S, which itself is no pauper. There's dark privacy glass on the rear windows, while panther black paint

features on the door mirrors, door handles, bodyside mouldings, roof spoiler and tailgate handle, all adding to the stylish look. Also standard are a Quickclear heated front windscreen, ebony leather seats, 16-inch alloy wheels, air conditioning and heated electrically-operated door mirrors.

The asking price for all this is £13,000 which, according to Ford, gives the Fiesta Zetec Red edition over £1,000 of free equipment. The red bodywork and chequered roof won't be to everyone's taste but that price tag and the fact that only 400 of these special Fiesta models will be available should prove a strong draw.

Though the standard Fiesta Zetec S is available with a choice of petrol and diesel powerplants, Ford is only offering the Zetec S Red with the petrol option. The 16-valve 1.6-litre engine is certainly no ball of fire but it's enough to render the Fiesta a warm hatchling. Ford claims a sprint to 60mph in 9.9 seconds and a top speed of 114mph and we wouldn't argue with such figures.

Car fact file

PRICES: £13,000 – on the road

INSURANCE GROUPS: 7E

CO2 EMISSIONS: 159g/km

PERFORMANCE: 0-60mph 9.9s /
Max Speed 114mphFUEL CONSUMPTION: (urban) 30.7mpg /
(extra urban) 52.3mpg / (combined) 41.5mpgSTANDARD SAFETY FEATURES:
Driver's and passenger airbags, IPS, ABSWILL IT FIT IN YOUR GARAGE?: [5dr
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Volkswagen Scirocco

'Roc the house

By Andy Enright



Volkswagen could well be onto a winner with the latest Scirocco. It's good looking, benefits from access to some great engines and is solidly built. A whole generation of 30 and 40-something nostalgists will also love to own the car they were too young for first time round.

Key to the advances made by the Scirocco are new dynamic aids. All models feature advanced adaptive chassis control offering three driver-selected settings – comfort, normal and sport. The system's influence extends to the steering system: should 'sport' be selected, the steering firms up to provide more feel while 'comfort' mode makes the steering lighter and easier to operate at low speeds or around town.

The Scirocco's sharp dynamics are linked to a range of powerful yet efficient petrol and diesel engines. Launch models (which cost £20,940) get a 2.0-litre TSI four-cylinder engine, developing 200 PS and driving through the front wheels via a choice of six-speed manual or six-speed DSG gearboxes. The importers have planned for two trim levels – standard and 'GT'. You can also talk to your dealer about a 1.4-litre TSI 160PS petrol version or a 2.0-litre TDI common rail diesel model with 140PS and a combined economy of around 52 mpg.

Inside the car, there's a lot to grab the interest. A contoured, flat-bottomed sports steering wheel frames dials that glow white at night. The interior is airy and light, and the option of an electrically-operated panoramic sunroof further emphasises the feeling of spaciousness.

There's a reasonably wide boot aperture which opens up 292 litres of luggage space. Fold the split rear seats down and you've got 755 litres. The Scirocco features four, individual sculpted seats finished in a choice of either cloth or leather. The sports seats aren't just restricted to those up front – the contoured rear seats feature integrated headrests to offer plenty of support. Proportions for the new Scirocco are classically short, low and wide although it has needed to run on existing Golf mechanicals. The vehicle measures 4,256 mm long, 1,404 mm high and 1,810 mm wide.

A comprehensive range of safety features is fitted to the Scirocco as standard. These include six airbags, Electronic Stabilisation Programme (ESP) and ABS with Hydraulic Brake Assist. With prices starting at around £20,000, the Scirocco taps into a market that's been rather neglected in recent years but which is now showing signs of a resurgence. The Audi TT has gradually migrated further up-scale, leaving cars like the Alfa GT, the Mercedes CLC and the Volvo C30 to duke it out. The Scirocco will have the instant advantage of having the best engine in the sector at this price point in the 2.0T-FSI unit.

It's good looking, it gets some of the best engines available to Volkswagen, it's priced fairly aggressively and it's engineered like few other coupes in its class. If success could be guaranteed by ruthlessly ticking these boxes, Volkswagen must think it has a winner on its hands already.

Car fact file

PRICES: £20,940 – on the road

INSURANCE GROUPS: 14-16 (est)

CO2 EMISSIONS: (GT 2.0 TSI 200PS) 179g/km

PERFORMANCE: [1.4TSI 150] 0-60mph 9.5s / max speed 120mph [est]

FUEL CONSUMPTION: (GT 2.0 TSI 200PS) (combined) 37.2mpg

STANDARD SAFETY FEATURES: Six airbags, ESP stability control, ABS with brake assist

WILL IT FIT IN YOUR GARAGE?: [5dr Hatch] Length/Width/Heightmm 4256/1810/1404

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Official fuel consumption in mpg (litres/100km) for the Volkswagen range: urban 49.6 (5.7) – 13.3 (21.2); extra urban 68.9 (4.1) – 24.4 (11.6); combined 61.4 (4.6) – 19.1 (14.8). CO2 emissions 355 – 124g/km.

New car road test Ford Focus EConetic

Drag stripped

By Steve Walker

Until somebody invents a car that runs on sea water or Liquorice Allsorts, the world's car makers look destined to wrestle with the big environment issue. While men in white coats beaver away behind the scenes on next generation clean propulsion technologies, models like Ford's Focus EConetic attempt to push the limits of what can be achieved with the good old internal combustion engine.

Sensibly, the Ford Focus EConetic takes the most economical engine in the Focus range as its starting point. The 1.6-litre TDCi diesel engine is an advanced unit that's been available to Focus buyers for some time. It features mod cons like a common-rail multipoint fuel injection system, a variable geometry turbocharger, a dual mass flywheel and a transient torque over boost function which means it's fairly close to the cutting edge for 1.6-litre 4-cylinder diesels. The Ford engineers haven't tinkered with the engine to produce the EConetic model so it's the same as you'd get in a less green Focus.

There's a choice of power outputs so buyers pick either the 89bhp version or get 108bhp and a diesel particulate filter. With the 108bhp model, you still get a powerful 240Nm of torque at 1,750rpm that rises to 260Nm with the benefit of

over boost. The 0-60mph sprint takes 10.9s and top speed is 117mph. It means there's no straight line performance penalty for the green benefits the EConetic delivers.

So the engine is mechanically standard and there's no electronic trickery going on behind the scenes. How can the Focus EConetic achieve its sparkling environmental performance? The answer is largely based around aerodynamics. Ford has taken the latest Focus shape, distin-

guishable by its trapezoidal air intake in the front bumper and elongated headlamps, and set about making it as slippery as a Teflon coated banana skin. The car rides 10mm lower at the front and 8mm lower at the rear. The under bumper skirt is reprofiled, blanking plates are inserted at the inside edges of the air-intake and there's a rear spoiler too.

These small measures help the EConetic achieve a drag coefficient

of 0.31 meaning the engine has to work less hard to move the EConetic along.

The modifications present on the Focus EConetic boil down to combined fuel economy of 65mpg for the 108bhp car, accompanied by emissions of 115g/km. These figures are competitive with some of the most environmentally-friendly cars on the market including petrol/electric hybrids. Not bad for a Focus with a body kit.



Car fact file

PRICES: £16,345-£17,695 - on the road

INSURANCE GROUPS: 7

CO2 EMISSIONS: 115g/km

PERFORMANCE: Max Speed 117mph / 0-60mph 10.9s

FUEL CONSUMPTION: [[2.0TDCi] (combined) 65mpg

STANDARD SAFETY FEATURES: Twin front, window & side airbags, ABS, traction control, ESP

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On road owners will appreciate the added urge of the 3,200cc common-rail diesel that's now good for

168bhp in manual form. Where this engine really scores is in offering 381Nm of torque at 2,000rpm and it's quieter across the rev range as well. To give an idea of how quick off the mark this car is, a long wheelbase manual will accelerate to 60mph in 12.1 seconds and hit a top speed of 110mph.

Three door short or five-door long wheelbase models are offered. Chassis rigidity has been improved

by increasing the number of key spot welds on the monocoque, additional structural adhesives and a greater use of high tensile steel, while there has also been an increase in the amount of anti-corrosive zinc plating.

It's properly big too, at least in long wheel base guise. This is 4.9m long, 1.9m wide and 1.9m high, so you'll need a garage with a fair amount of headroom, especially if you fit a roof box for ski trips. Mitsubishi's innovative 'Hide & Seat' system quickly converts the long wheelbase car from a five to a seven-seater, with two seats that fold from a flat boot floor to create a third row complete with integrated head rests.

As well as the option of three or five doors, Shogun buyers have the choice of a four model line-up – the familiar Equippe, Warrior and Elegance variants as well as a new luxury Diamond range-topper. As always, the Shogun comes packed with an array of standard safety and luxury equipment. All models come with ASTC active stability and traction control, alarm and keyless entry, climate control, twin front, side and curtain airbags, ABS anti-lock brakes backed up by EBD electronic brakeforce distribution and 17inch alloy wheels fitted as standard.

The list of standard features may be much longer but pricing for the Shogun remains tight, emphasising Mitsubishi Motors value-for-money policy. Prices range from £22,649 for the three-door Equippe model through to £34,699 for the five-door Diamond variant.



Car fact file

PRICES: £22,649-£34,699 – on the road

INSURANCE GROUPS: 13-15

CO2 EMISSIONS: 244-278g/km

PERFORMANCE: [SWB] Max Speed 110mph / 0-60mph 12.2s

FUEL CONSUMPTION: [SWB] (combined) 26.9mpg

STANDARD SAFETY FEATURES: Twin front airbags, ABS

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Walters eyes a late surge

Malden Wanderers' Stewart Walters is hoping a return to form with the bat for Surrey can fire his side in to contention at the top of the Pro 40 League Division Two.

The 25-year-old hit 91 as the Brown Caps beat Northamptonshire by 63 runs to move up to fifth in the table on Sunday – the same day his side were securing a dream Lord's final date in the National Knockout Cup.

Walters has plundered runs in the second team since recovering from injury, but has struggled to replicate that form in head coach Alan Butcher's first choice 11.

Surrey piled up 268-6 in their innings before three wickets from South African debutant Robert Frylink helped Butcher's men to a much-needed victory.

They are still yet to register a win in the Liverpool Victoria County Championship Division One and are in dire relegation trouble after last week's draw at Somers – which featured an unbeaten double century from Mark Ramprakash.

But Walters, who was on 12th man duty for England in the final Test at the Oval last week, reckons Sunday's triumph could be the start of a revival from Surrey as they bid to beat the drop.

"I have felt really good all year but it is one of those things that hasn't happened for me," he said.

"I've played a lot of one day cricket and haven't played an innings like that so it was nice to get that off my back. Hopefully, it can be the start of something for me and the team."

"I can only look forward to the next game, put my skills out there and, hopefully, post another big score."

Full story: yourlocalguardian.co.uk



Aerial battle: Ks ace Tony Bedeau clears this ball away during Monday's clash against Fleet Deadlinepix Amy Weston SP22507

Carl's special Ks mission

by **STUART AMOS**

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Kingstonian striker Carl Wilson-Denis is a relieved man after netting his first goal at Kingsmeadow, having spent four years on the road.

The 25-year-old's stunning second-half strike secured a 2-1 win over Fleet Town on Monday, as boss Alan Dowson's side followed up Saturday's opening day 4-0 triumph at Sitting-bourne in style.

Former Ks youngster Wilson-Denis rejoined the club earlier this month, having spent the past four seasons in the Blue Square South with four different clubs.

The Croydon-based plumbing student is keen to finally put

down some roots and is hoping a successful season at Ks – where he started his career – can see him step off his non-League merry-go-round.

"I don't want to be known as a player who moved around. I was travelling to clubs like Newport, Eastleigh and Havant just to go training and things weren't working out for me," he said.

"I wanted to find a local club where I could stay three or four years."

"I'm starting a plumbing course and have a little boy, so between me and the missus –

who works and goes to uni – it is a bit of a juggle.

"Hopefully, I can stay at Kingstonian, do well, score goals and be here for a while."

Wilson-Denis struck with 10 minutes remaining to give his side maximum points from two games, after Bobby Traynor – who bagged a brace at the weekend – fired home from the edge of the box to level Fleet's first half opener.

Dowson, who blasted his side for a poor first half performance, had earmarked the target man for substitution moments before his winner, and the striker was only too pleased to see his boss eat his words.

"I could feel I was about to come off. I got the ball and thought, 'I have got to do something in this game', so I just went for it," he added.

"I did not want my first goal to come too late, so to get it in the second game of the season was a bit of a relief."

Dowson has a strong squad for the coming campaign and Wilson-Denis reckons the key to success this season is for those not in the team to keep the faith.

"There are a lot of players in this squad who could walk in to most other teams in this league," he said.

Upcoming fixtures: August 23 Whyteleafe (h), 25 Croydon Athletic (a), 30 Shoreham (a).

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SPORTSbrief

MOTOR SPORT: New Malden's Tom Onslow-Cole picked up two podium finishes at Knockhill on Sunday to move 16 points behind third-placed former Team RAC colleague Colin Turkington with six races remaining. The VX Racing star races at Silverstone next weekend.
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FOOTBALL: Matt Smith scored twice as Corinthian Casuals claimed a 2-2 draw at Fleet Town on Saturday. The deadlock was broken when Jamie McClurg scored just before half-time, only for Smith to equalise almost immediately. James Field restored Town's lead, but Smith hit his second with a 25-yard drive.
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MARTIAL ARTS: The Surbiton-based Great Britain Martial Arts Academy sponsored the trophies for an annual fundraiser for the MS Society, organised by Chris Chang. He has organised the fundraiser on Tooting Bec Common for each of the past five years in memory of his cousin, who died in 2002. Chang said: "The aim of the day is to make money, so it was a big help to have the trophies donated."
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RUGBY UNION: Emanuel Rugby Club are gearing up for the start of the new season having narrowly missed out on promotion last year and reached a regional cup final. The club is currently on the lookout for new players. For further information, contact Fergus McCarthy, director of rugby, on 020 8337 8778 or at fergus@emmanuelrugby.co.uk
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